

**City of San Diego  
MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2001 @ 12 NOON**

**EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
1010 SECOND AVENUE**

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**Attendance:**

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Chair: Juliana Humphrey, St. Clair Adams, Dale Kelly Bankhead, Michael Bartelmo, Larry Chaidez, Steve McWilliams, Jerry Meier, Dr. Daniel Pearce, Conley Major and Mike Barbee.

City Staff: Ed Plank, Alison Glennon, Paul Cooper, Sgt. Bill Stetson.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Patient Doctor Sub-Committee**

Update by Jerry Meier on the patient/medical provider surveys. So far a 35% response rate has been achieved. 160 patient surveys have been taken on-line. An analysis of the data by the first of the year will be forthcoming.

A one-page status report will be provided by the December 14 meeting to update the numbers on the amount of surveys received.

**Law Enforcement Sub-Committee**

St Clair Adams requested that all City documents pertaining to the Task Force be shared prior to going to any City Committee or City Council Meeting.

It was mentioned that a memo would be distributed to the City Attorney and Police Chief, requesting each to clarify their positions on the upcoming ID Card Program item, which is to be submitted to the full City Council sometime in January or February.

St Clair briefly went over the current Police Department policy on medical marijuana arrest procedures and the Task Force all agreed that the patient questionnaire section, page 4 and 5 be eliminated. Further review of this document is still pending.

**Request by the Chair, Juliana Humphrey, to add as part of these minutes, a letter dated December 12, 2001, to the Police Chief, David Bejarano, regarding the Medical Marijuana Verification Card Program.**

**Medical Research Sub-Committee**

Michael Bartelmo spoke on several different issues, one being an update on the research at the Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research (CMCR) at UCSD. Approval is taking longer than expected for receiving the research grade cannabis. Final approval should be by the first of the year.

Another item, was how cannabis has been used throughout history, countries such as China, Egypt, India, Greece and Africa have all used it as a medicinal therapy for hundreds of illnesses, which date as far back as 5000 years ago.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report on Medical Cannabis was discussed. The initial report commenced on January 1997 and was completed in the Spring of 1999. The primary focus was cannabinoids and medical related research topics on cannabis, as well as patient testimony on the effectiveness of cannabis.

Two handouts were referenced, they were the Medical Research Sub-Committee Meeting Summation of November 16, 2001 and a two-page document entitled Hemp as Medicine.

**Legislative Efforts Sub-Committee**

Dale Kelly Bankhead spoke regarding the ID Cards and support for going to the full Council as soon as possible. The City Attorney's Office is drafting the ordinance.

Out of the PS&NS Committee held on November 7, Councilmember Inzunza asked for a companion ordinance to the ID Card Program, which would fine an individual for abuse of the card. The Task Force will be notified as soon as the item is docketed for the full City Council, which could be sometime in January.

Several other issues, such as the amount to be able to grow and the feasibility of Co-Op's needs to be further clarified.

Senate Bill 187 should receive consideration when the legislative session will begin in Sacramento, staff needs to check with Andrew Poat, of the Governmental Relations Office, to see if a letter of support has or will be sent, as advised by Council.

Michael Bartelmo asked Paul Cooper to define Primary Caregiver and the amount of plants one can have. **Paul stated the law was poorly drafted and referenced Health and Safety Code 11362, which addresses these two questions currently under the law. The Task Force addressed the primary caregiver issue, based on the draft ordinance which is now being prepared for Council, as defining twelve patients to be the number allowed for a primary caregiver.**

Juliana Humphrey stated one of the role's of the Task Force, is to make recommendations to the City Council, City Attorney and Police Chief.

#### **Patient Advocacy Sub-Committee**

Steve McWilliams mentioned the recent raid which took place on October 30, 2001, at Shelter from the Storm. Dale Kelly Bankhead suggested to Steve that he submit a letter regarding the recent raid and past raids from several years ago, and any other known closures on cannabis clubs in his area. Steve then stated that he has contacted the Police Department and has agreed to drop his current case against the City, and agreed not to file with Internal Affairs, and now has a positive relationship with Jim Chapin of the City Attorney's Office.

#### **Public Comments**

Several speakers stated the Task Force needs to do more to set up guidelines and assist with the establishment of laws and that the number "12" is set far too low for Primary Caregivers.

Another speaker spoke in favor of an ID Card Program such as the one San Francisco currently has.